



U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE



BIOGRAPHY

Paula J. Dobriansky

Under Secretary, Global Affairs

Term of Appointment: 05/01/2001 to present

Paula J. Dobriansky was nominated by President Bush on March 12, 2001. She was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on April 26 and sworn in as Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs on May 1. In this position, she is responsible for a broad range of foreign policy issues, including democracy, human rights, labor, counter-narcotics and law enforcement, refugee and humanitarian relief matters and environmental/scientific issues. She has also been designated as the Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

Prior to her appointment as Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, Dr. Dobriansky served as Senior Vice President and Director of the Washington Office of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was responsible for managing the Council's office and operations in DC and for leading Council meetings, study groups, and seminars. She was also the Council's first George F. Kennan Senior Fellow for Russian and Eurasian Studies.

Previously, Dr. Dobriansky served as Senior International Affairs and Trade Advisor at the law firm of Hunton & Williams, and as Co-Chair of the International TV Council at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Her government appointments include Associate Director for Policy and Programs at the United States Information Agency, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Deputy Head of the U.S. Delegation to the 1990 Copenhagen Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), Advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the 1985 UN Decade for Women Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, and Director of European and Soviet Affairs at the National Security Council, the White House.

Dr. Dobriansky received a B.S.F.S. summa cum laude in International Politics from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Soviet political/military affairs from Harvard University. She is a Fulbright-Hays scholar, Ford and Rotary Foundation Fellow, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a recipient of various honors, including Georgetown University's Annual Alumni Achievement Award, the State Department's Superior Honor Award, Dialogue on Diversity's International Award 2001, National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Democracy Service Medal, Poland's Highest Medal of Merit, Grand Cross of Commander of the Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas, the Star of Romania with the rank of Commander, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Fairleigh Dickinson University and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Flagler College.

Dr. Dobriansky has served on various boards, including the Western NIS Enterprise Fund, National Endowment for Democracy (Vice Chairman), Freedom House, American Council of Young Political Leaders and the American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative, and the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. She has a working knowledge of French, Russian, Italian and Dutch.

Dr. Dobriansky has lectured and published articles, book chapters and op-ed pieces on foreign affairs-related topics, ranging from U.S. human rights policy to East European foreign and defense policies, public diplomacy, democracy promotion strategies, Russia and Ukraine. For 3 years, she hosted Freedom's Challenge and co-hosted Worldwide, the international affairs programs on National Empowerment Television. Additionally, she has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN Headline News, CNN & Company, Fox Morning News, John McLaughlin's One-on-One, The McLaughlin Group, C-SPAN, MSNBC, PBS, National Public Radio, and has testified often before the Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committees.

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